

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 2 and 13 without prejudice; and amended claims 1, 12, 23, and 25. Claims 3-11 and 14-22, 24, and 26 remain in the application without amendment.

Claims 1-3, 10, 12-14, 21, 23, and 25 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Bodas (US Appl. Pub. No. 2004/0003194. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment of independent claims 1, 12, 23, and 25 overcomes this rejection.

Independent claim 1 as amended now recites, among other things, a limitation recited in original claim 2, "wherein the communications comprise a plurality of transmissions from the integrated circuit to the electronic component, the integrated circuit being further configured to program a different external clock delay for each of the transmissions, and calibrate the external clock delay as a function of the transmissions". Applicant submits that the cited reference does not teach the combination defined by the claim, particularly the quoted limitation.

The rejection cites MUX 219 that chooses a proper delay based on register 213 of Bodas as teaching the quoted limitation, and concludes that there is a plurality of transmissions comprising different external clock delay. Claim 1 however recites more than that. Nowhere does Bodas describe that the external clock delay is calibrated based on the communications having different clock delays.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claim 1, and independent claims 12, 23, and 25 which have similar limitations to claim 1, under 35 USC 102(e) should be withdrawn in the next Office action.

Furthermore, the 102(e) rejection of dependent claims 3, 10, 14, and 21 should be withdrawn in the next Office action at least by virtue of their dependency on independent claims 1 and 12 as amended.

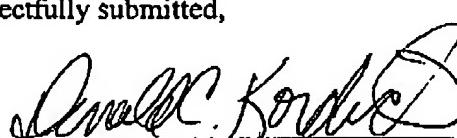
The remaining independent claims have been rejected under 35USC103(a) having Bodas as the primary reference. For the reason that the independent claims are allowable, claims 4-9, 11, 15-20, 22, 24, and 26 should be allowed in the next Office action.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of the response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 17-0026. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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